

a far-reaching effect on the outcome of the war.

The belief that Germany's enemies, despite their public announcements of preparedness to fight to the end, are in reality tiring of the war and about ready to talk peace, is based on the growing conviction among officers here that the allies have about "reached the end of their string" so far as offensive movements are concerned.

The German viewpoint is:

First—That Russia has been dealt a blow that will nullify her offensive power for a long time to come.

Second—That England and France realize their inability to push the Germans out of France and Belgium, as evidenced by their inactivity while Germany concentrates against the Slavs.

Third—That the Dardanelles can never be forced.

Fourth—That the Balkan situation is satisfactory, inasmuch as Bulgaria, according to best available information, has given assurance that she will remain neutral until the end of the war, equally by both Germany and Austria. Constantinople advises report the situation satisfactory from the Turkish standpoint. The scarcity of shells which hinders the Turkish operations earlier in the war has been remedied. The Turks are now able to produce enough shells in their own munitions factories to supply their needs.

The situation at Athens is being watched closely by German diplomats, but there is little fear that Greece will abandon her neutrality. Various reports have reached here that the Venizelos party, which is shortly to come into power at Athens, is in receipt of the seventy majority credited to the former premier following the recent elections, and that in all events he will be unable to obtain a majority behind a war program.

Agrees With King.

Other reports indicate that the Venizelos who was for war several months ago is not the same Venizelos today, and that both he and King Constantine now agree that Greece should remain neutral.

The recent Austro-German successes have worked a profound and sobering effect upon the smaller Balkan units.

Advices received here indicate that the people of Greece are in no hurry to ally themselves with Great Britain, despite reports from English sources. The native Greeks on the islands of Crete and Cyprus have fled voluminous protests to Athens against British interference with commerce. In the report, are reported to have protested their home government against British mistreatment. Out of these situations there has come a new Greek attitude of aloofness. The Greek navy, returned home at the invitation of the Greek government, because of this changed popular sentiment toward England.

Last Russian Stand Made as Germans Shell Western Forts

PETROGRAD, Aug. 5.—Less than six miles from the town hall, the Russian garrison is making its last stand in a furious battle at the city limits of Warsaw, according to dispatches filed to the war office.

Falling back from Blonie, in accordance with previously arranged plans, the Slav forces retired behind the outer forts at the western borders of the city. The Germans pressed slowly forward, taking up positions on the Golabki-Moczyslo line, about nine miles from the heart of the Polish capital. From these new positions they opened a bombardment of the forts defending Warsaw from the west and south.

Shells were screaming across the four miles of open plain intervening between the two armies when the last reports were sent from the Warsaw telegraph office.

GARRISON MAY HAVE LEFT.

It is thought possible today that the Russian garrison already has fallen back across the Vistula, leaving Warsaw to the Germans, but the war office does not share that opinion.

Military men say that from the outer forts the Slav garrison could sweep the western approaches with a fire that would hold off the Germans indefinitely unless they chose to sacrifice thousands of lives by massed assault. They predict that Warsaw will not be surrendered to the enemy until the evacuation of the military district surrounding it is complete and the Russians have taken up their new lines to the east. Though it is admitted here that Riga, too, may be evacuated by the Russians, there is a general feeling of optimism today over the escape of the Russian armies from the trap set by the German general staff.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy and slightly cooler tonight; Friday, partly cloudy; gentle, shifting winds.

Maryland—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; moderate northeast to east winds.

Virginia—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; gentle to moderate shifting winds.

TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU.	AFLECK'S.
8 a. m. 80	8 a. m. 87
9 a. m. 81	9 a. m. 88
10 a. m. 82	10 a. m. 89
11 a. m. 83	11 a. m. 91
12 noon. 84	12 noon. 91
1 p. m. 85	1 p. m. 92

TIDE TABLE.

High tide at 3:32 a. m. and 4:02 p. m.
Low tide at 10:22 a. m. and 10:26 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises. 5:04 | Sun sets. 7:06
Light automobile lamps at 7:46 p. m.

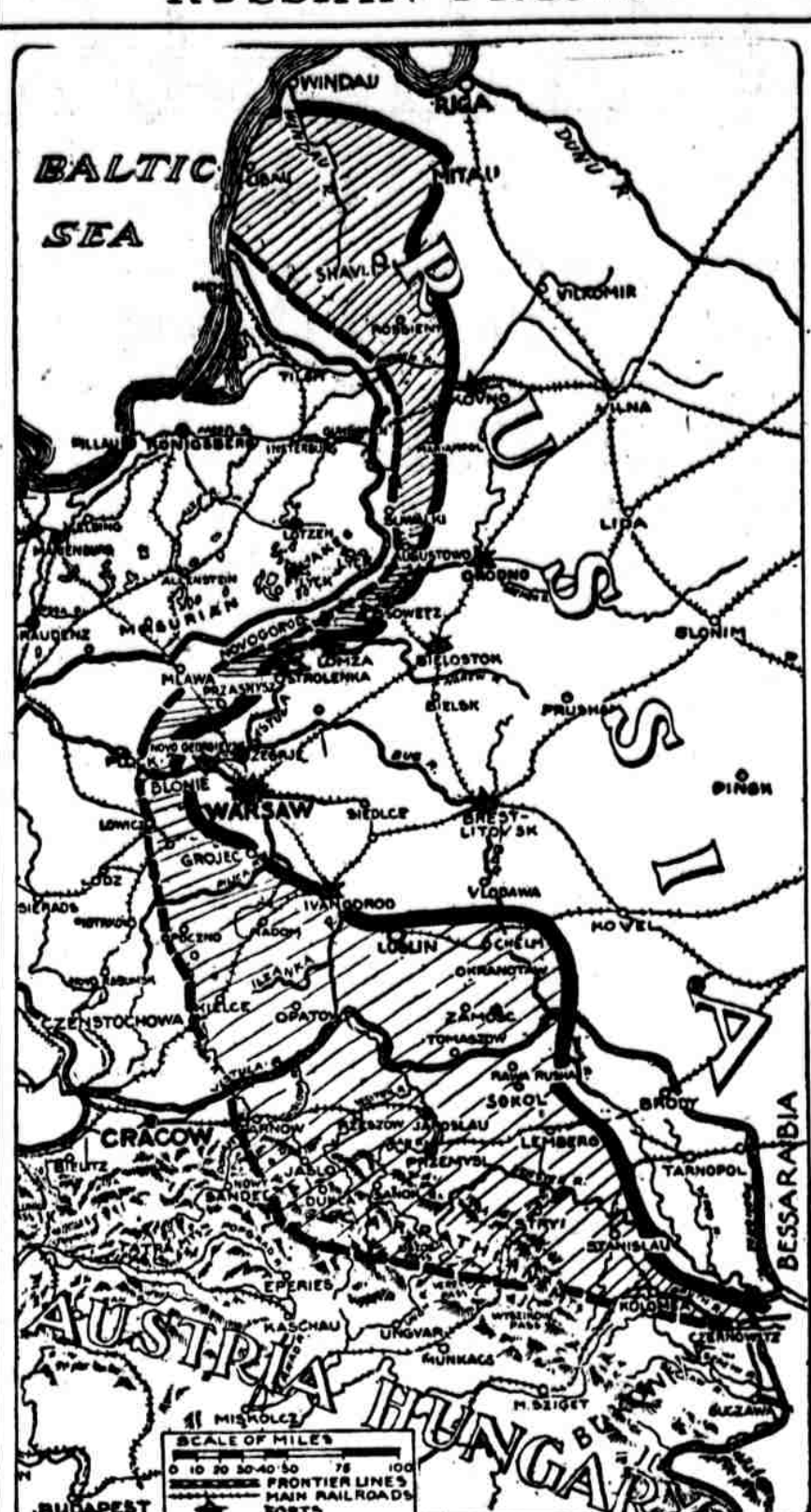
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O'DONNELL HOME IS LOOTED BY THIEVES

Fashionable Residence District Invaded—Police Begin Investigation.

With the discovery that the home of James O'Donnell, at 1730 Sixteenth street northwest, had been looted by thieves, damaging furniture and clothing worth nearly \$1,000, police and detectives today started an investigation to ascertain whether the same band of robbers has entered other homes in the fashionable section of the city.

How much property has been taken from the O'Donnell residence, which has been closed since June 4, has not yet been ascertained. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, who moved to their country place near Laurel, Md., at the beginning of the summer were notified of the robbery last night and today are taking an inventory of the household effects.

The robbery was disclosed by the arrest of James Francis, colored, who was taken into custody by Policemen Thomas Sweeney, Fred Antonelli and Elsie Williams of the Eighth precinct while he was trying to sell several costly dresses in the vicinity of the Howard Theater. The prisoner insists that the clothing was given to him by another colored man named "Kelly."

Several Arrested.

Since the arrest of Francis, at least a dozen Kellys have been arrested and interviewed. All, however, proved conclusively that they had no acquaintance with Francis.

The O'Donnell residence, a handsome brown stone structure which faces the new Scottish Rite Temple, looks as if it had been struck with a cyclone, so ruthless were the thieves in their depredations. The robbers entered the house by forcing a large iron door in a side alleyway.

They ransacked the basement floor, working to the topmost part of the house. Drawers were pried open, cupboards and wardrobes rifled, bags in which clothing had been camouflaged for the summer were cut open with scissors, and the entire house turned topsy-turvy by the thieves.

Hundreds of pieces of clothing were ruined by the robbers, who were evidently bent on obtaining jewelry, silver or money. In this quest, however, they

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WILL PROBE CHARGE OF GRAFT BY POLICE

Commissioner Newman Gives Order For Investigation of Testimony By Stout Woman.

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Several police officers whose names were mentioned by Mrs. Stout have come forward with denials. They have declined to make any statements for publication, but say they will be able to exonerate themselves at the proper time.

Mrs. Stout's charges have been put into typewritten form and signed by her. Copies will be furnished Major Pullman and the District Commissioner. Mr. Hawken went over the statement in detail with Mrs. Stout yesterday, the examination lasting until after 5 o'clock.

At the direction of Mr. Hawken no comment was made by Mrs. Stout after she had been released on \$5,000 bond. Her attorney, Robert L. Miller, obtained the new bond for her late yesterday afternoon, George W. Ray being the surety.

It is understood the evidence given by Mrs. Stout will be submitted to the grand jury after some of her accusations have been investigated.

Mrs. Stout is under sentence to serve two years at Occoquan on a charge of keeping a disorderly house, but Prosecutor Hawken said that no promise of a commutation of the sentence or leniency of any sort had been made to her. She made her statement voluntarily, he said, after she had been surrendered by her bondsmen on Monday.

It is claimed by Mrs. Stout that she pawned more than \$1,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry in order to raise money. Just how this money was used has not yet developed, although it is understood a part was used in her defense.

Woman's Diamond Ring Found on Floor of Taxi

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—The discovery of a woman's solitaire diamond ring, apparently worth about \$100, on the floor of a taxicab led to a scuffle for its possession between Edward McLaughlin, driver of the taxicab, and the doorman of the Wyoming apartments, both of whom saw it about the same time while the cab was standing in front of the apartments.

The man who had just occupied the taxicab denied owning the ring, and Patrolman Goldman ended the struggle for its possession by taking it to a station and turning it over to Lieutenant Burns.

McLaughlin said his only woman passenger during the afternoon were two whom he carried from Thirty-eighth street and Broadway to the Commercial Bank.

Nymphs May Go to P. O. at Rockaway

But Short-Skirted Ladies of the Beach Must Remember They're Ladies A'ways.

So long as order is maintained in the corridors, brigades of Ladies Godiva, battalions of smiling Venuses and corps of September Morns may troop in and out of the postoffice at Rockaway Beach, N. J., or any other postoffice, in the opinion of the department; Postmaster McVey and his anti-bathing-suits-ladies-in-the-postoffice-at-Rockaway to the contrary notwithstanding. So long as order is maintained.

"Of course," said Chief Clerk Frazier, "if disorder follows the appearance of the nymphs, McVey must maintain order. And should the lady 'bathers' protest, why, naturally then, the bathing suit affair is one to be looked into. Order must be maintained. The length of a skirt, or even the absence of such article of attire, is nothing to us, so long as order is maintained in the corridors."

London Post Defends Embargo by England

LONDON, Aug. 5.—The Morning Post, in an article addressed to America, says:

"We have been compelled as an incident of war, in that struggle for national existence which we are now waging, to interfere with the commerce of America, in common with that of all neutrals, so as to prevent our enemy from obtaining from neutrals those articles necessary to the prosecution of the war."

"This duty has been peculiarly imposed on England because of her pre-dominant naval strength. We should have betrayed our allies, we should have been guilty of treachery to them had we not exerted our full power against Germany."

"In performing our duty we brought certain financial losses to America, and it is only natural that Americans should feel irritated; that they at times even question the justice of our actions. 'Let us must ask them not to look at the matter entirely through their own eyes, even from the standpoint of their own material interests, but tolerantly, generously, just to understand our position.'"

The Post refers to the blockade against the South during the American civil war, which brought disaster to the English cotton industry, and the failure of England to declare cotton contraband in the present war, which the writer terms a "mistaken kindness," out of consideration to the United States and its people.

"Surely the United States will not add to our burdens," continues the article, "or weigh humanity against money, nor have we that fear."

Consistory Called.

ZURICH, Aug. 5.—Swiss newspapers today announced that Pope Benedict had decided to convoke a grand consistory at the end of September, at which he will make efforts to bring about peace in Europe.

TEN PROMOTED IN INTERIOR BUREAUS

Other Changes in Land and Patent Offices Announced By Secretary Lane.

Ten employees of the General Land Office and Patent Office were given promotions today by Secretary of the Interior Lane. The following clerks in the General Land Office were promoted: Clarence Bullion, from \$1,600 to \$1,800; Robert C. Willis, from \$1,400 to \$1,600; Benjamin McLaughlin, from \$1,200 to \$1,400; and John A. Rebb, from \$1,200 to \$1,400. Alfred Dresser and Emmett D. Gallion were promoted from copyist at \$900 to clerk at \$1,000, and Miss Evelyn Bjornson, copyist, was promoted from \$720 to \$900. In the Patent Office, James H. Yeatman was promoted from copyist at \$900 to clerk at \$1,000, and William H. Fisher and Harry A. Shockey, copyists, were promoted from \$720 to \$900.

Other changes in personnel were as follows: Probationary appointments, Charles Willard, Kansas, copyist, \$900; General Land Office, Otto B. Hurd, Indiana, clerk, \$800, and Francis Kelly and Harry P. Trumble, District of Columbia, messenger boys, \$800. Indian Office, Clarence Lange, Wisconsin, copyist, \$720. Patent Office, George B. Ingels, messenger, \$480. Reclamation Service, William Dykema, California, assistant engineer at \$1,600, in San Francisco office of Bureau of Mines. James L. Res, D. C., was temporarily appointed messenger boy at \$40 a month in the reclamation service, and the temporary appointment of Miss Margaret Pattison, of Washington, as stenographer at \$5 a month, in the Bureau of Education, was extended. Miss Anna Wexler, of New York, was reinstated as copyist at \$720 in the Patent Office.

Transfers—Miss Margaret A. McGee, copyist, \$720, General Land Office, from Land Office at Jackson, Tenn.; Joseph T. Carney, from clerk, \$1,000, to Land Office at Boise, Idaho; Samuel T. Hazard, from clerk at \$1,000 in the Pension Office to the Department of Agriculture, and Edward Critchlow, from the Panama Canal Service to the Geological Survey as junior engineer at \$1,200. Reclamations—Fred D. Spofford, surveyor, \$150 a month, General Land Office; Vincent Hart and Thomas Holden, messenger boys, \$350, Indian Office; Miss Emma Tibbets, clerk, \$1,200; Miss Loraine Close, clerk, \$1,000, and Miss Marie Young, copyist, \$720, Patent Office; Carl Lyman, senior clerk, \$2,040, and Ernest Crocker, assistant at \$3 a day in the Reclamation Service.

Turks Occupy Kura Kilisha, in Caucasus

CONSTANTINOPLE (via Berlin), Aug. 5.—"In the Caucasus fighting, we have occupied the Kura Kilisha district, north of Hamur," said an official statement from the war office today.

Call Przemysl and Chrzaszcz Phonetic

It May Be "Humurus" to Us, But Not to 'Eny' Poles, Say Simplified Spellers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—The simplified spelling bulletin came out today, with complete details of the recent conquests of altered orthography.

Dr. Melvil Dewey, on the bulletin's own showing, has sacrificed two letters of his first name. The simplified speller takes occasion to defend Przemysl because, after all, the Poles pronounce it that way. Even Chrzaszcz, Polish for "beetle," is phonetic, and all right.

No less than 106 colleges of various sorts approve the "amelioration" of English spelling, it is announced. One hundred newspapers and periodicals rejoice in spelling school, "acool," "humorous," "humurus" and "eny" and "such like ameliorations."

But so far the simplified speller counts all those as true adherents who merely acquiesce in the new spelling of the "twelve words"—tho, altho, thru, thruout, thoro, thoroely, thorofoare, program, prolog, catalog, decalog, and pedalog.

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